

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
EASTERN DISTRICT OF MICHIGAN
NORTHERN DIVISION

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

Plaintiff,

v.

KAREEM ABDUL-JABBAR VERTZ,

Defendant.

Case No. 1:21-cr-20139

Honorable Thomas L. Ludington
United States District Judge

Honorable Patricia T. Morris
United States Magistrate Judge

**ORDER ADOPTING REPORT AND RECOMMENDATION, ACCEPTING
DEFENDANT'S GUILTY PLEA, AND TAKING RULE 11 PLEA AGREEMENT
UNDER ADVISEMENT**

On July 14, 2021, Magistrate Judge Patricia T. Morris conducted a plea hearing upon Defendant Kareem Abdul-Jabbar Vertz's consent, after which Judge Morris issued her Report and Recommendation, recommending that this Court accept Defendant's guilty plea. ECF No. 28.

Although Judge Morris's Report stated that the parties could object and seek review within 14 days of service of the Report, neither Plaintiff nor Defendant have objected. Therefore, they have waived their right to appeal Judge Morris's finding that Defendant was competent to enter a plea, and that the plea was entered knowingly, voluntarily, without coercion, and with a basis in fact. *See* FED. R. CRIM. P. 11(b); *Thomas v. Arn*, 474 U.S. 140, 149 (1985).

Accordingly, it is **ORDERED** that Judge Morris's Report and Recommendation, ECF No. 28, is **ADOPTED**.

Further, it is **ORDERED** that Defendant's guilty plea is **ACCEPTED**, and the Rule 11 Plea Agreement, ECF No. 26, is taken **UNDER ADVISEMENT**.

Dated: October 15, 2021

s/Thomas L. Ludington
THOMAS L. LUDINGTON
United States District Judge